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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF GALLAGHER AND DYKES

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1. IN REVIEWING EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE RELEASE, IT IS
QUITE CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY IN LAST DAYS HAD BEEN DELEGATED BY GOL
AND PROBABLY ALSO THE SYRIANS TO PLO/FATAH, IN PARTICULAR
SECURITY CHIEF ABOU HASSAN, WHO SITS ON THE HIGHER
MILITARY COMMITTEE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PLO/FATAH
HAS BEEN INVOLVED FROM THE FIRST IN TRYING TO GET THE
MEN RELEASED AT REQUEST OF PREMIER KARAME (AND FOR
ITS OWN INTERESTS). DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RECALL THAT
PLO/FATAH PLAYED SIMILAR ROLE IN RELEASE OF COL. MORGAN.

2. I AM SCHEDULED TO SEE PRESIDENT FRANGIE 10 A.M.
MONDAY TO CONVEY TO HIM PERSONAL THANKS OF
SECRETARY AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. AM
AWAITING SIMILAR APPOINTMENT WITH PREMIER KARAME.
IN VIEW OF MORGAN PRECEDENT I WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT'S
CONCURRENCE IN PASSING SOME SORT OF APPROPRIATE MESSAGE
THROUGH HIM TO ARAFAT AND FATAH. ONE WAY TO
PHRASE THIS WOULD BE IF AFTER THANKING KARAME I
ASKED HIM TO CONVEY "OUR THANKS" TO ANY OTHERS ON
WHOM HE MAY HAVE CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE IN WINNING
RELEASE OF THE MEN. I COULD, IN PASSING, DROP:
"FOR EXAMPLE YASSAR ARAFAT AND ABOU HASSAN. WOULD
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APPRECIATE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SINCE I DO NOT

KNOW WHEN I MAY GET APPOINTMENT TO SPEAK TO KARAME.
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